GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7257
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NETAJI ENQUIRY COMMISSION
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Enquiry Commission, constituted to go into the details about the disappearance of Netaji, visited various countries;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government are aware that during the visit of Commission to London, Lord Chancellor assured the Commission to show some files relating to Netaji;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not supplying the same; and

(e) the details of action initiated by the Government with those countries so that such files are made available to the Commission, which has been constituted with a specific purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry visited the U.K. and studied files andrecords at British Library, the Public Record Office, London, Hartley Library of Southampton University and Bodliean Library of Oxford University.

(c): No such assurance was given to the Commission.

(d): Does not arise, in view of reply to (c) above.

(e): Following a request from the Commission to approach the Government of U.K. to release all classified files relating to Netaji, the UK authorities were approached through the High Commission of India in London.In response, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office have clarified that the unreleased papers `do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose`s death that is given in the files available in the British Library. As a matter of principle, the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released.